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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

AFYB-CG

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Alcohol Policy Letter

1. In the last 7 months since I took Command I have observed a high number of DUI's, alcohol related incidents, underage drinking, alcohol abuse, and two deaths directly related to alcohol abuse. In light of these events, IAW with AR 600-20, and to provide a safe living environment for our soldiers, I am regulating the amount of alcohol soldiers may possess in the barracks. Moreover, I direct leaders to place special emphasis on preventing underage drinking, and conduct an incident review board (IRB) for all officers involved in alcohol related incidents.

a. Soldiers residing in the barracks and over the legal drinking age of 21 years of age may not possess more than one six pack of beer or one bottle of wine and one bottle of hard liquor at any one time. If both soldiers residing in the barracks room are over the drinking age then both may store the above mentioned limit.

b. Currently 1/3 of all alcohol related cases involve under age drinking. Soldiers knowingly providing alcohol to underage soldiers may be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. I direct all commanders to investigate the source of alcohol as it relates to underage drinking and provide this information and unit actions in conjunction with a serious incident report.

c. An IRB will be conducted on all alcohol related incidents involving officers. The IRB will be briefed to either the ADCM or ADCS as appropriate.

2. This policy is punitive and violations may be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or adverse administrative action.

3. It is our duty and mission to ensure we maintain the combat effectiveness of our units. Current alcohol trends in the Division are having a negative effect on good order and discipline and the combat effectiveness of our Division. Leaders at all levels must work to increase awareness and reduce alcohol related incidents.

Steadfast and Loyal

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Commanding